then Ministry of Works and Housing (now Urban ' Development)" granted recognition at the All-India level to the All-India CPWD Mazdoor Union. The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Urban Develcpment. That Ministry took a meeting on 7-12-j.9o6 with the unions in which the unions have sought clarifications regarding the Policy of Recognition. The matter is being further discussed with the unions by the Ministry of Urban Development and action is being taken to expedite verification.

Bonded labour employed for RaJaB-fhan Canal pn^feet

2304. SHRI CHATURANAN MI SHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to statej^

(a) whether it Is a fact that the Commission appointed by the Supre me Court to go into the allegation of existence of bonded labour in the Ganganagar district in Rajasthan has indicated the administration of Kaj-asthan Canal Project for employing bonded labour through coatractors; *mi*

(!b) if so, what action Has been taken by Government against the contractors and the officers of the administration responsible therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA)': (a) and (b) According to the report received from: the Government of Rajasthan, the Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court in Writ petition filed by Bandhua Muktl Morcha regarding alleged existence of bonded labour in Rajasthan Canal Project, had identi-aed 29 bonded labourers including children in the brick kiln situated at Annopgarh and Gharana in Sriganga-nagar district (owned by M/s. Verma Consti-uction Co., which is in the approved list of the administration of the Rajasthan Canal Project). These 29 bonded labourers were releasee by the District Administration, Srlganga-nagar on 19-9-19855. They belonged to the following districts.

1.	Bhiwani (Haryana) .	14
2.	Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) .	11
3.	Nagaur (Rajasthan) .	4
	TOTAL:	29

After release, these 29 persons were sent to their native places and were provided immediate assistance of Rs. 2257.30. After these bonded labourers reached their respective districts in Raja^han, rehabilitation projects were prepared for them and the same have been sanctioaed by the state • Level Screening Committee on 4-1-1986 for Nagaur and on 16.1-1986 for Jhunjhunu. The Rehabilitation projects for these bonded labourers are repoi1«d to the quite comprehensive and they envisage provision of rehabilitation assistance as well as subsidy for housing. Implementation of these rehabilitation projects is reported to be in progress. The Haryana Government has been requested by. the Central Government to ensure early rehabilitation of the 14 bonded labourers sent to Bhiwani District of the State.

The Government of Rajasthan has further reported that a case against' the keeper of the bonded labourers . has been registered on 22-9-19l35 imder the Bonded Labour System (Abolition)" Act, 1976 and investigation is under progress. The State Government is also reported to have instructed the concerned officers to strictly enforce the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act and ensure other welfare measures and see that there is no exploitation Of the labourers at the project.